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Restoration of Bhubaneswar-Bombay flight

*78. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA NAYAK:
DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:

Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to restore air service between Bhubaneswar and Bombay and to connect Bhubaneswar with Calcutta Port Blair, Madras and Bangalore by air;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start international flights to and form Bhubaneswar; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). With effect form 1.11.1991 Bhubaneswar has been connected with Bombay and Madras. Bhubaneswar is already connected with Calcutta. Due to capacity constraint and inadequate traffic potential on Bhubaneswar-Port Blair and Bhubaneswar Bangalore routes, there is no plan at present to start service on these routes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Bhubaneswar is adequately connected with the main international gateway points in India.

Reduction of manpower in Railways

*79. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:
SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways are planning to reduce its manpower substantially in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for taking such a step; and

(c) the alternative employment/compensation propcsed to be provided to the staff to be retrenched under this plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Impact of Earthquake on Human Body

80. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Quake victims prone to Kidney failing " appearing in the Hindustan times dated October 24, 1991; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the precautionary steps proposed to be taken for the recent earthquake affected residents of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the report received from the State Government, the recent earthquake in U.P. has not posed the problem of Kidney failure amongst the affected persons.

Iodisation of Salt

662. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Salt Iodisation Programme is in bad shape;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) tha steps proposed to be taken to achieve the target of universal Iodisation of salt by 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) In order to control tha problem of Goitre, Government of India took a decision for universal iodisation of edible salt in the country by 1991. The targets and achievements made under the salt Iodisation Scheme during the last three years are given below:

Year	*Target*	*Achievements*
1	*2*	*3*
1988-89	22.00	21.90
1989-90	30.00	22.56
1990-91	40.00	25.06

It is a fact that production of iodised salt has not reached the optimum level. The main reasons for this is that many States/ Union Territories are yet to ban completely the sale of non iodised salt. In the absence of such ban orders there is not much demand for iodised salt in these areas. This discourages the manufacture of iodised salt to boost up their production.

The Central Government has written to all State/UT Administrations, who have not so far issued notifications banning the use of non-iodised it for edible purpose in their States/UTs to issue such notifications without any further delay.

The Government is also prevailing upon tha iodised salt manufacturers to increase their production.

Bridges Over Busy Railway Crossings In Delhi

663. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to traffic Jams at several railway crossings in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of railway crossings that are causing traffic jams;

(c) whether the government propose to construct overbridges at those crossings for tha convenience of the public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Six.

(c) and (d). Proposal for construction of a subway near level crossing no. 2A on Goods Avoiding Line near Madhuban (Shahdra) sponsored on deposit terms by tha Municipal Corporation of Delhi is, at present, in the planning stage; Construction of over/under bridges at other level cross-